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***Ultimate Showcase Series: Massachusetts State Championship
Boston Ironside 15 Amherst Bodhi 8***

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On a calm, but occasionally gusty evening at Tufts University Bello Stadium in front of 200+ enthusiastic fans, Boston Ironside's pressure defense and precision offense produced a quick early lead and eventual 15-8 victory to capture the 2010 Massachusetts State Championship Game over rival Bodhi from Amherst. This was Ironside's third USS victory as they defeated Great Britain in 2008 and Toronto in 2009.

On the first point Bodhi got the quick block, then scored twice to take a 1-0 lead as their huck for a goal was called back on a travel violation. Taking a lesson from the US soccer team, they focused on moving forward and still scored a few passes later. However, Boston Ironside then went on a 4-0 run sparked by a block from Cornell alumnus Paul Batten who injured his hand on the play. Down 4-1, Bodhi captain Micah Flynn who always makes big plays during USS games, blocked the disc just as it was leaving an Ironside thrower's hand, then sprinted the field for a stylish one-handed grab to the delight of the partisan Bodhi crowd. However an Ironside mid-field huck from Peter Prial to tri-captain Jeff Graham, a terrific sprint for a block by Harvard alumnus George Stubbs, and a Batten point-stuff with his injured hand built an 8-4 halftime lead.

Ironside quickly built a 10-4 lead before Bodhi rallied for two quick goals, one of which came on a perfect 70 yard forehand from Alex Kapinos to Tufts' Adrian Banerji. Down 10-6 Christian Foster intercepted an Ironside pass and launched a 60 yard huck to Jon Hirschberger. Bodhi had the disc with a chance to get within two, but Ironside withstood the barrage, forced a turnover, and Graham caught a short pass for a goal. Then, after a Bodhi miscue, Graham launched a 55 yard huck to 6'6 tri-captain Colin Mahoney. From there, Ironside sailed on to a 15-8 victory.

The crowd was impressed with the fitness, athleticism, and skill of the teams. Several fans from the nearby playoff baseball game were amazed by top-level ultimate. Both squads will go on to compete in the Boston Invitational Championships this weekend at Devens.

Keeping with Ultimate Frisbee's core concept of "Spirit of the Game," the behavior of the players was very professional and sportsmanlike, setting a positive example for the young fans. Thanks goes out to partners Five Ultimate, Discovering the World, Breakmark, Discraft, UltimateDiscStore.com, and VC Ultimate for donations and discounts. Thanks to the Tufts University Athletic Department for hosting the event.

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